Genealogist's 13 Articles of NO FAITH

1. We believe in Aunt Clara, the eternal pursuer of our ancestors and in the tradition that allows us to "Let aunt Clara do it" and in her persistence in supplying us with the Xerox Copies.

2. We believe that man will be excused from their own genealogy if they are earning a living or just to busy.

3. We hope that through the temple attendance of others, all man kind may be saved.

4. We believe the first principles of genealogy work are: First: Faith that someone else will do it; Second: Repentance through maintained ignorance; Third: Baptism by immersion into many other projects; Fourth: Laying on of excuses for the gift of self justification.

5. We believe that a man must be a born genealogist or he will never have the ability to perform the function of record keeping or any research thereof.

6. We believe in following the same organization that existed before the correlation program. Namely, don't try to improve the system; don't take training courses; don't form a family organization, etc...

7. We believe in the gift of TIME---Time for TV, for clubs, and for movies, etc...

8. We believe the handbook for Genealogy and Temple work to be the work of the Church as far as it is translated correctly. We also have our doubts about the Genealogy lesson manuals.

9. We believe nothing that the Ward Committee has revealed, and we doubt that it will yet reveal any great or important things we do not already know.

10. We believe in the literal gathering of names out of library books only, and that pedigrees can be built upon this theoretical foundation; that all our pedigree sheets will be renewed automatically to paradisaical correctness.

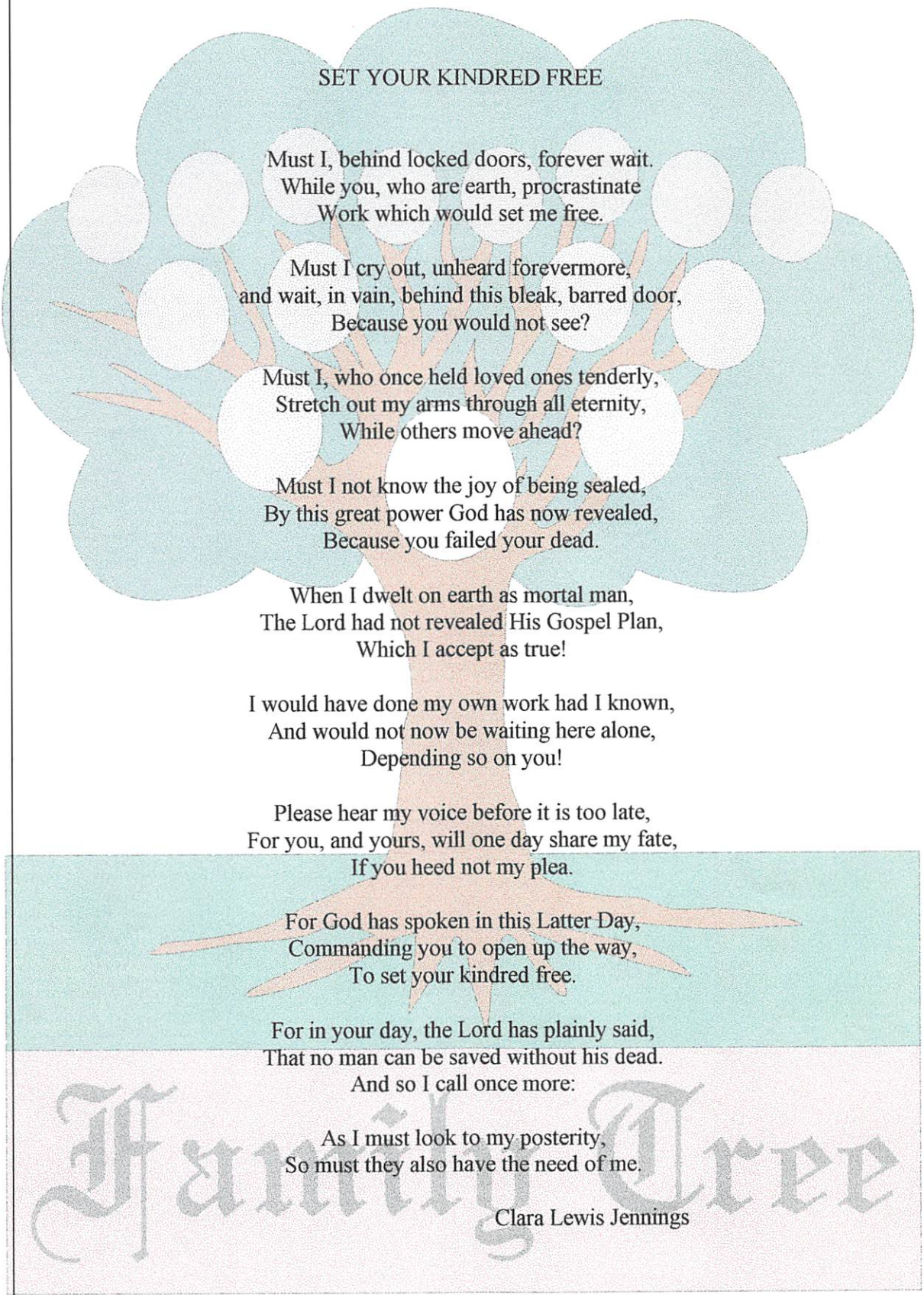
11. We claim the privilege of interpreting all family traditions and printed histories to suit our own convenience, and we all men the same privilege--let them assume who, where, or what they may.

12. We believe in being subject to discouragement, lack of confidence and busy schedules, and in ignoring, resisting or withstanding the law.

From Mary Lou Stagg Kauer

13. We believe in being lazy, and in not supporting genealogy work which would result in good to all men; indeed we may say that we follow the lines of least resistance; We hope all things, but no nothing, we have not endured anything, and we do not expect to be able to endure anything; If there be any approved way to get out of these responsibilities we seek after these things.

By: Aota Holyoak, Bakersfield, California



SET YOUR KINDRED FREE

Must I, behind locked doors, forever wait.
While you, who are earth, procrastinate
Work which would set me free.

Must I cry out, unheard forevermore,
and wait, in vain, behind this bleak, barred door,
Because you would not see?

Must I, who once held loved ones tenderly,
Stretch out my arms through all eternity,
While others move ahead?

Must I not know the joy of being sealed,
By this great power God has now revealed,
Because you failed your dead.

When I dwelt on earth as mortal man,
The Lord had not revealed His Gospel Plan,
Which I accept as true!

I would have done my own work had I known,
And would not now be waiting here alone,
Depending so on you!

Please hear my voice before it is too late,
For you, and yours, will one day share my fate,
If you heed not my plea.

For God has spoken in this Latter Day,
Commanding you to open up the way,
To set your kindred free.

For in your day, the Lord has plainly said,
That no man can be saved without his dead.
And so I call once more:

As I must look to my posterity,
So must they also have the need of me.

Clara Lewis Jennings

Family Tree

From
MaryLou Stagg Kauer

Genealogist: Dig Roots

"One who has traced his family tree back to the time when they lived in it!



Gorilla. (150)



Genealogy

Lesson 1
Introduction--Nature and Essentials of Research

R* "You Must Study it Out in Your Mind"
--Our Lineage, Lesson 23

We must do in Genealogy work as the Lord told Oliver Cowdry as he tried to translate a part of the Book of Mormon i.e. "study it out in our minds."

Have faith, pray and support both with diligent and intelligent work and one will surely enjoy the gift of research.

Study your own problem and analyze it.

Joseph Smith kept a book of remembrance which he called the "Book of the Law of the Lord," Doc. and Cov. 85:1,10

Check out errors as fast as you find them.

List the definite steps to take--"Thingsto do."

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R "Rewards of Research"
--Seeking of our Dead, pp.39-43

Research is tedious and disappointing at best.

Rewards to the faithful researcher are: Joy of ancestry hunting, joy of service, "riches of eternity."

There is pleasure in original discovery, dealing in unknown quantities, and in making a worthy contribution to history.

Ancestors are remarkable because they are ours. Include in your recordings: homely features, homesteads, their property, church affiliations, signatures, or any act of barter or sale.*

Serving our predicessors is a blessed privilege.

We are as little children in understanding the blessings we will have in God's Kingdom for doing this work. We must seek wisdom and His mysteries will open unto us. Celestial Glory is in store for him who is diligent and successful.

Brigham Young suggested we will know how to organize and people worlds as our own and become rulers of them.

"The glory of God is to bring to pass the immortality of men" Such work will strengthen our testimonies and faith.

"Let us be earnest in our work."

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R = Read the source mentioned.

R. "Studying out your own Problem"

--Methods of Tracing Pedigrees
Lesson 1

A prayer of the researcher in genealogy was well expressed by Wilford Woodruff in his dedicatory prayer of Salt Lake Temple in 1893 *"--thankful for power by which hearts are being changed--desire in bosoms--not fall in error---open new avenues---records not only correct but complete."

Brigham Young said that "--Family isthe eternal organization."

Each individual's responsibility is to become sealed to all his progenitors who are dead and with all hisposterity to the last generation living upon earth. Make a record of decendants, for records will be in heaven as they are on earth--therfore make them true. Beware of printed genealogies.

The official instruction on research and temple work is that each person seek out his patriarchal (male or father's) line and their families; then any other line on his pedigree. The patriarchal line is most important.

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H. * "World Quest for Ancestors"

--Utah Geneal. & Hist. Magazine Jan. 1936, pp. 1-10.

References from the Bible of Malachi indicate that Elijah must come and change the hearts of the fathers and their children in the last days. We know he has filled his mission and since 1836 much interest in that line has leveloped throughout the world.

There are now hundreds of genealogical societies, libraries. People are more interested in their ancestors than heretofore.

The Encyclopedia Britanica remarks that the last half of the nineteenth century has seen much more intensive activity than ever before.

Many books are being published with genealogical and historic value. Modern writers have discussed in popular novels and history-bearing books.

There are 62 national groups in United States whose purpose is primarily of genealogical nature. Much is being done in foreigh lands.

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H. "Importance of Desire"

--Our Lineage, Lesson 21

Beware of pseudo-genealogists! They are not concerned whether they "link" genealogies or not.

"Genius is the infinite capacity to persist," says President H. J. Grant.

We don't have to do this work, but if we will do it, we will find a way!

H - Heard the information.

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DEADWOOD!
FAMILY TREE
PRINGLE
WHAT'S COOKIN'?
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I'M MY OWN GRANDPAW

1. Many many years ago when I was twentythree
I was married to a widow who was pretty as could be
This widow had a grown up daughter who had hair of red
My father fell in love with her and soon they two, were wed

Chorus:
Oh I'm my own grandpaw I'm my own grandpaw
It sounds funny I know but it really is so
Oh I'm my own grand paw.
(repeat)

2. This made my dad my son in law and changed my very life
For my daughter was my mother cause she was my fathers wife.
To complicate the matter even though it brought me joy
I soon became the father of a bouncing baby boy.

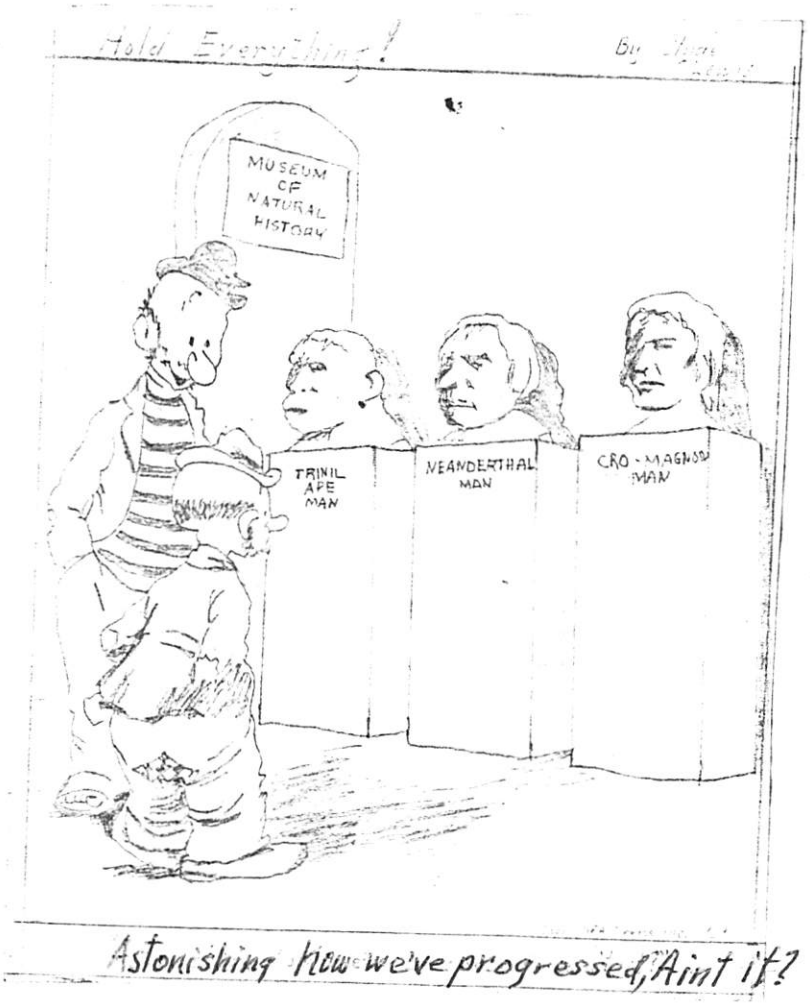
3. My little baby then became a brother-in-law to dad
And so became my uncle though it made me very sad
For if he was my uncle then that also made him brother,
of the widow's grown-up daughter who, of course, was my step-mother.

4. Father's wife then had a son who kept them on the run
And he became my grandchild for he was my daughter's son.
My wife is now my mother's mother and it makes me blue
Because although she is my wife she's my grandmother too

5. Now if my wife is my grandmother then I'm here grandchild
And every time I think of it, it nearly drives me wild
For now I have become the strangest case you ever saw
As husband of my grandmother I am my own grandpaw.

The Bantu tribes of middle and southern Africa have a form of ancestor worship which is mixed rain-making superstitions to form a religion which they contend is practical.

"Some say he can trace his family tree back to the time when he lived in it!"---Lehar's "Life's like That."



Ancestry Worship

Ancestry worship, though not part of our Genealogy study, is interesting in the sense that ancestors are respected in even a godly fashion in cases of ancestry worship and therefore should perhaps be an incentive for us to honor our ancestors to a greater degree through giving them privileges they otherwise won't enjoy.

Different peoples have different forms of the so-called ancestry worship.

The original religion of Japan is Shintoism, which is a combination of nature and ancestor worship. However, it is not regarded as a religion by the Japanese, but simply as a mode of patriotism. However, it has priests, who offer prayers and sacrifices, which would lead one to believe that it could hardly be classed as anything other than a religion. The chief deity is the sun-godess, Amaterasu, or "ancestress" of the imperial family, and there are lesser gods of mountains streams, etc. The prevailing religion is Shinto, but others such as Buddhism, Conficianism, and even Christianity are making progress in Japan. This is so, primarily because complete religious freedom is allowed.

The Chinese practice of Ancestor Worship withholds many plots of ground from cultivation. The belief is that these buried dead should not be disturbed.

Confucius taught that "the past is more perfect than the present or the future and that the worship of ones own ancestors is an act of piety, and unquestioning submission to the state of supreme duty." As a result, the Chinese usually think that what was good for his grandfather is quite good enough for his children. Such tradition tends even now to hold these people back from progressing in modern methods. However, they have formed a traditional veneration in their minds for the past and their ancestors.

The Zulus of Africa, worship their ancestors, which appear to men